

D. C. TEACHERS SUE TO HALT ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR PROMOTION

BALLOU IS GATED TO EXPLAIN

Instructors Assert Examinations Are Unjust and a Handicap.

Declaring that their status of eligibility for promotion is being destroyed and protesting against the proposed examination scheduled next Saturday by the board of examiners of the public schools, four teachers today filed in the District Supreme Court a petition to enjoin the Board of Education from holding the tests.

Ballou Sued in Court.

The teachers, William J. Wallis, Guy Clinton, Elizabeth Birtwell and Janet Datto, assert that they are high school teachers who successfully passed the examination in September, 1919, for promotion from class A to group B and have not been assigned for such promotion. They demand that they receive promotion as eligibles before another examination is held.

Justice Bailey issued a rule requiring Frank W. Ballou, as superintendent of the District public schools, and members of the Board of Education to show cause by Friday next why the petition should not be granted. Michael M. Doyle, former judge of the municipal court brought the suit for the plaintiffs.

The teachers in their petition claim that they are not fairly protected for themselves, but for other high, normal and manual training school teachers who have acquired a status of eligibility. With the examination next Saturday, these teachers now on the eligible list for promotion, it is said, would be thrown out.

Eligible Without Test.

"The teachers now on the list eligible for promotion may take the next examination and fail to pass," says the petition. "The Board of Education in ordering the new examination adopted new rules covering the eligible list with a limit of eligibility to promotion to the next grade."

"Previously there had been no time limit for eligibility to promotion, a successful candidate being appointed as soon as the list existed."

It is further contended that if the new rules of the board of education are carried out, the teachers now on the eligible list may never be promoted inasmuch as the law limits the number of such promotions to the number of vacancies in the next grade. This has been the practice for years, say the protesting teachers.

"The Board of Education has called this new examination despite the protest of the teachers and the eligible list," says the petition.

LAUNDRYMAN IS BEATEN

AND ROBBED BY THUGS

Two armed colored men entered the laundry of Charles Goon, a Chinese, forty-five years old, 801 O street northwest, last night and when he refused to hand over his money he was beaten into insensibility by one of the negro thugs. They took about \$25 from the cash register.

While Goon lay unconscious on the floor they robbed him. Mrs. George Ruth, who lives in the apartment above the laundry, summoned the police and the Chinese was removed to Emergency Hospital. He suffered several cuts and bruises about the head and body.

Three negroes who engaged Joseph Barnabell, a hawker living at 401 First street northwest, to take them to Connecticut avenue and Albemarle street, commanded him at the point of a pistol to leave his car when they reached their destination and made off with the automobile. The car was found some time later on Connecticut and Connecticut avenue. It is believed the hold-up was staged to avoid paying their fares.

VANITY APPEAL STRONGEST,

SAYS ADVERTISING EXPERT

Psychology in advertising was explained yesterday by Prof. Alfred H. Terry, addressing the members of the Washington Advertising Club, at their weekly luncheon at the Harrington Hotel.

"Such are the characteristics of human life that we get more interested in the vanity of people than we do by giving them cold morsels of counsel and trying to appeal to their common sense," Professor Terry said.

Psychologists have found that the average person reads a story three times before it becomes fixed in the sub-conscious mind. For this reason, advertising methods have been found much less successful than steady, continuous advertising methods."

Xmas Church Drive On.

MT. RAINIER, Md. Dec. 14.—Committee from the various churches of this place are engaged in a campaign to get everyone in the community to attend some church Christmas Day. These committees are also assisting in the distribution of a story which will send the way about the streets of the "Rainier" Christmas morning at daybreak singing carols.

HEARD AND SEEN

By BILL PRICE

TEXAS—WHERE THINGS ARE SO QUIET.

"HEPTYS" father sends him from Texas this little rhyme describing the everlasting peace that prevails "Down in Texas":

We're down here in old Texas,
Where you never hear the blues:
Where the bandits stole the jitneys
And the marshals steal the booze.
Where buildings horn the skyline;
Where the people always boost;
Where they shoot men just for passing.

And the chickens never roost.
Where the stickup men are wary,
And the bullets fall like hail;
Where each pocket has a pistol,
And each pistol's good for jail.
Where they always hang the jury,
Where they never hang a man;
If you call a man a liar, you
Get home the best you can.

Where you get up in the morning
In a world of snow and steel,
And you come home in the evening
Suffocating from the heat.
Where the jitneys whizz about you,
And the street cars barely creep;
Where the burglars pick your pockets

While you "lay me down to sleep."
Where the bulldogs all have rabies,
And the rabbits they have fleas;
Where the big girls, like the wee ones,

Wear their dresses to their knees.
Where you stroll out in the morning,
Just to give your health a chance.

Say "Howdy" to some fellow, who
Shoots his bow in your pants.
Where wise owls are afraid to hoot,
And birds don't dare to sing.
For its feet down here in Texas,
Where they all shoot on the wing.

COMPLIMENTING CONKLIN.

A fine compliment is paid JOE CONKLIN by H. SMITH "for his admirable and comprehensive panegyric" of the G. O. C. Mr. Smith, who is our musician, will find fitting music for the song.

Some disarmament conference! Why, they are "fucking" the lems, and "defending" positions. Next thing they'll argue the "point"—of the bayonet! FRED VETTER.

SUCCESSFUL CORN RAISING.

Two contris told us the other day of a farmer friend of theirs in southern Maryland who was greatly encouraged over the fact that he had raised about fifteen GALLONS of corn to the acre.

FRED GEILLINGER sends us this drawing of an apple grower whose apple crop netted him about twenty GALLONS to the acre, and who confesses that the Eighteenth Amendment "could have been a whole lot worse."



"IVORIES" AND "ANECDOTES."

Dear Will (I don't like the word Bill this time of the year): Note this clipping, where DUPUY tells about Congressmen playing "dominoes" in the Press Club, and the "rattle of the ivories," interspersed with "anecdotes."

The anecdotes I generally hear with "ivories" are: "Come honey, baby needs a pair of shoes;" "Honey, come to papa," etc.

MERCURY.

"T. E. T." recently received a testimonial concerning a certain spring water. One paragraph read: "I was told of your spring water last July and have never stopped drinking it." The contrib thinks this "guy ought to be able to float a battleship by now."

ONE GAZOOK IN THE SOUP.

A married old fool of Dubuque, in the kitchen would flirt with the cuque,
Till his wife, the wise guy,
Got blood in her eye,
And called her a "vamping old snuff."

Then the old matrimonial crueque,
To cajole his young spouse under-tuque,
But nothing he said,
Entered her hot head,
And she hanged him up high on a huque.

I. B. DAWGONNE.

What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

TODAY.
Wilson Normal Community Center, 1417 Massachusetts avenue northwest, 8:30 p. m.
East Washington, Seventh and C streets southeast, 8:30 p. m.
Olympia Athletic Club, Manhattan Athletic Club.
Thompson Community Center, Eleventh and L street northwest, woman's drill team, dramatic club, piano practice.
E. V. Brown, Chevy Chase Community Center, rhythmic dancing, 8 to 9 p. m.
Tonight, boy scouts, rhythmic dancing.
Southeast Community Center, Eleventh and G streets, Mohawk Athletic Club, Quinlan Athletic Club.
French section, Twentieth Century Club, 1417 Massachusetts avenue northwest, at 8:30 p. m.
Pennsylvania Society reception and dance, Willard Hotel, 8:15 p. m.
Open house, E street branch, Y. W. C. A., 7 to 8 p. m.
Play, "Leave it to Pierre," Carroll Hall, 8 p. m.
Anthony League meeting, 2007 Columbia road northwest, 8 p. m.
College Women's Club Forum, 1822 Eye street northwest, 8 p. m.
Art class meeting, George Washington University, 2027 G street northwest, 8 p. m.
Speaker, David Edstrom, Los Angeles.
Meeting, New Thought Society, 1814 N. street northwest, study "Rosicrucian Fellowship," 8 p. m.
Dinner, Washington City Club, auspices Business and Professional Women's Section, 6:30 p. m.
Burnside, G. A. R. election officers, G. A. R. Hall, 8 p. m.
Shamrock Social Club benefit dance, 1417 Massachusetts avenue northwest, 8:30 p. m.
Open House, E street branch Y. W. C. A., 8 p. m.
TOMORROW.
Dinner, The Panquin Club, Cafe Madison, 6 p. m.
Lecture, "Anatole France," Research University, 2027 G street, 7 p. m.
Speaker, Dean N. B. Fagin.
Meeting, Brightwood Citizens' Association, New Masonic Temple, Georgia avenue and Military road, 8 p. m.
Meeting, Educational Section, Twentieth Century Club, at Women's City Club, 11 p. m.
Illustrated lecture, "Making the Desert Bloom," by C. J. Blanchard, United States Reclamation Service.
Princeton Alumni Association reception, University Club, 8:30 p. m.
Irish meeting, A. A. R. I. R. Abraham Lincoln Council, Immaculate Conception Auditorium, 8 p. m.
Christian Scientist Lecture, First Church of Christ, Columbia road, by William W. Porter, C. S. R. member of Board of Lectureship Scientific Church, 8:15 p. m.
Women's City Club, Civic Lecture, 8 p. m.

RAILWAY SHOP LAY-OFF TO HIT WORKERS HERE

Several Hundred Terminal Employees Scheduled to Be Dropped From Payroll.

Several hundred railroad employees of the repair shops at Ivy City of the Washington Terminal Company are scheduled to be temporarily dropped from the payroll within a few days, it was announced by an official of the company today.

There are approximately 1,000 repairmen now employed at the shops, and it is estimated that at least 25 per cent of them will be laid off. Officials of the company, however, are planning to try to keep all of the repairmen at work until after Christmas.

Business depression and the necessity of economies were given by officials of the terminal company as prompting the lay-off of workmen. None of the officials would intimate just how long the shut-down would continue.

Similar Action by B. & O.

The announcement of the terminal company followed that of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, which thousands of its shopmen would likely spend a gloomy holiday season. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announced that on Saturday next heavy repair shops over the entire system will be shut down, and the employees furloughed indefinitely.

Reports reaching Washington state that other Eastern railroads will follow suit in the curtailment of their shop employees. With the reduction of the forces of shopmen, it is believed that other employees in the operating and transportation ends of the railroads will be affected.

At offices of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad in Washington this morning it was stated nothing was heard of the curtailment of the forces of workmen employed in the various shops of the company.

No Repair Shops Here.

"It's news to us," said one of the employees, "but such action is taken in the main offices in Baltimore, and as it affects only shopmen, the operating and transportation departments would receive no notification of the executive action of curtailment."

The Baltimore and Ohio railroad has no repair shops in Washington. All repair work for the company is being done in shops in Baltimore, and the Washington Terminal Company, the terminal company also does repair work for the other four railroads which run into the Capital.

ASKS UTMOST RELIEF FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

Appeal for closer Government co-operation and treatment for wounded overseas veterans was made last night by Dr. Thomas Edward Green, president of the American Red Cross bureau, before the annual meeting of the Sons of the Revolution at the Myers Mason house.

The following were elected officers of the association for the ensuing year: Gen. George Richards, U. S. M. president; John H. Wagman, U. S. V. Cox, vice president; Charles P. Light, secretary; Edward F. Riggs, treasurer; Reeves T. Strickland, registrar; William S. Parks, historian; J. Miller Kenyon, marshal; Hampton K. Parrie, R. A. Wagman, and Maj. Russell E. Putnam, U. S. M. C., board of managers, to serve until December, 1924. Galliard Hunt acted as chairman of the nominating committee, and other members were Albert K. Parrie, Francis P. B. Sands and Archibald Hopkins.

ST. MARGARET'S CHOIR TO GIVE "DREAM OF MARY"

The choir of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church under the direction of Alfred G. Eldridge, has begun rehearsal on the cantata, "The Dream of Mary," by Horatio Parker to be given in the Church Sunday afternoon, at 4:30 p. m.

Miss Sydney Thompson, of New York, who created the part of the Angelic Narrator will be heard in this production. In addition to Miss Thompson the soloists will be Mrs. Myra McC. Marks; Mrs. Helen McCleod Clift; Miss Louise Deutermann; Miss May Norwood, Wilbur W. Gantz, and Arthur H. Deibert.

Club to Entertain Chinese.

The Princeton Alumni Association will entertain the Chinese delegates to the arms conference tomorrow night at the University Club at 8:30 o'clock. Chinese Minister Alfred Sze, V. K. Wellington Koo and Chung Hui Wang, graduates of American University, will be the honor guests of the club.

Reduced Railroad Fares Account Christmas Holidays

—VIA—

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Do Away With Gas, Is Plea of Maimed Boys Out at Walter Reed

By WILLIAM K. HUTCHINSON.

International News Service.

The voice of America's shattered manhood, back from the war with wounds, rose from the snowy beds of Walter Reed Hospital today with an appeal for the abolition of poison gas warfare.

A score of shell-torn veterans, some modestly hiding medals, bitterly condemned chemical warfare as too inhuman. All of them went through the "mists of death" on the fields of France. Some still coughed from gas-seared lungs.

One man, sans leg, sans arm, but still dead and dumb, spoke for a dormitory of suffering Yanks.

"Gas is a thing from hell," he said with conviction. "It was born of a thirst to torture. These guys (with a sweep of his one good arm) all went through it. They'll say, 'Cut out the gas.'"

With a roar came back the answer from the invalids, "We'll say so." Some of the veterans, wearied a little from three long years in hospital beds, were bitter toward all war.

"What does it matter what is used, so long as there is war?" was their hopeless question.

Prefers Bullets to Gas.

"I'd face bullets any time sooner than gas again," said Frank Babbitt, of 613 Hay street, Pittsburgh. "I saw men slobering at the mouth from gas. That was enough for me. It's too horrible even for war."

"I saw men droop like barked flowers in gas attacks. Let the conference rule it out," declared Ralph Shortell, of 216 North Twenty-fifth street, Philadelphia.

"The horror of poison gas should make nations discard it," declared Edward J. Knudler, of 269 Fifty-fifth street, Cleveland.

"Part me from it, buddy," said Lewis J. Patterson, of Francis, Okla. "I'd walk in front of a machine gun any old time rather than face a gas attack."

"I want none of it," came from Jimmy Daugherty, of Bradford, Pa. It smells like perfume, the first breath—and after that you never get good breath again. Let them rule it out."

D. C. AUTOISTS ARE WARNED TO GET NEW TAGS BY JAN. 1

Washington autoists who do not want to land in the "house-gone" bet-ter get their 1922 license tags from Wade H. Coombs, superintendent of District licenses.

Yesterday Mr. Coombs recommended to the Commissioners that an order be issued today making all motorists driving without 1922 tags after January 1 liable to arrest.

"With sufficient and emphatic warning given," said Coombs, every autoist in Washington should realize that he or she should have their 1922 tags by January 1. Those who fail or neglect to get their tags by that time should be subjected to arrest and the ensuing penalties in court."

Accompanying his recommendation was a report that during the first ten days of December 14,333 tags were issued and that \$55,936 collected in fees, as compared with 7,893 tags and \$30,856 for the same period in December, 1920.

INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA PREDICTED BY DELEGATE

Within ten years India will occupy a place in the British empire similar to that held by Canada and Australia. This was the prediction made yesterday by V. S. Srinawasth, representative of India on the British delegation to the arms conference, in an address before the City Club.

"The day when Brititshers could describe us as a subject people and India as a dependency has passed, and the day when India will speak from her full majority as a co-equal dominion with Canada and Australia, I confidently predict, is not more than a decade ahead," said Sastri. He also predicted the failure of the Ghandi non-co-operative movement in India, although praising Ghandi as "a great man, a character of the purest idealism and saintliness, but terming the movement as 'unwise and futile.'"

BOARD OF TRADE PLANS FOR MID-WINTER DINNER

The appointment of two new men on the membership committee of the Washington Board of Trade was announced yesterday by Chairman George B. Farquhar. They were: B. T. Webster and George Miller.

Chairman William Clabaugh announced that the midwinter dinner of the board will be held at an early date. The committee will meet at the City Club at noon Saturday to formulate plans for the dinner.

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SCHOOL NEEDS CONSIDERED BY CONGRESSMEN

Joint Committee Makes Inspection—Salary Legislation Program Is Agreed Upon.

Agreement on the proposed school legislation program between the board of education and the teachers council, and inspection, by the joint Congressional committee on schools of seven antiquated school buildings, yesterday's important events in the fight to modernize the District school system, are under consideration today.

The salary program, with the exception of one or two minor points, was endorsed at a joint meeting of the board and council last night at the Franklin School and a resolution was adopted urging speedy action in getting the measure before Congress in order to prevent its inclusion in the reclassification plan.

The inspection committee was composed of Senators Capper of Kansas and King of Utah, and Congressmen Keller, Minnesota; Woods, Virginia; Walters, Pennsylvania, and Mills, Missouri.

The schools visited were the Abbott, Webster, Armstrong, Patterson, Cook, McKinley, Manual Training High School, and the Garrison. The committee, which was accompanied by Superintendent Frank W. Ballou, Assistant Superintendent Stephen E. Kramer, and Assistant Superintendent Garnett C. Wilkinson, collected data on the acute need for replacement of several of the buildings, condemned in 1908; and for renovation and enlargement of others.

G. H. RUSSELL AGAIN HEADS CITIZENS OF PARKVIEW

George H. Russell was re-elected president of the Parkview Citizens' Association at a meeting last night in the Parkview school. Other officers are: Charles W. Gilmore, vice president; John S. Cole, secretary, and A. B. Clark, treasurer. Miss Frances S. Fairley, C. K. Wade and C. S. Greenwood were elected members of the executive committee and John S. Beech was chosen delegate to the Federation of Citizens' Associations, with Charles W. Gilmore alternate.

The association endorsed the school building program of Superintendent Frank W. Ballou. Eighteen new members were admitted, bringing the membership to 527.

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